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filed September 30, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,551,197, the disclosures of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein,--

In the Information Disclosure Statement:

With the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000, the Examiner returned copies of Forms PTO-1449 submitted by Applicants upon filing of the application showing consideration of the various references and reference items submitted by Applicants. On sheet 4 of the Forms PTO-1449, it appears that the Examiner overlooked inserting his initials on that entire sheet thereby inadvertently indicating a failure of consideration of the 10 reference items listed on sheet 4. However, it is noted that the Examiner did sign the bottom of that sheet. In order to prevent any confusion, another copy of sheet 4 is enclosed for initialing by the Examiner to indicate his consideration of all of the references thereon. Initialing and return of a copy of the initialed sheet 4 is respectfully requested.

In addition, it is noted that the Applicants' reference on Form PTO-1449 sheet 2 to United States patent application 09/520,582, filed March 8, 2000, has been crossed out. This application is again listed for consideration by the Examiner on enclosed sheet 4 of Form PTO-1449 in compliance with Applicants' duty under 37 CFR 1.56. Under 37 CFR 1.98, a U.S. patent application is properly listed as "Other Information" except that, as of July 31, 2000, when the original Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application, no copies of pending U.S. applications were required to be supplied. See 1138 OG37 at A(2)(iii), March 16, 1992. In compliance with those rules, the U.S. application has again been listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Consideration of the reference items listed on sheet 4 and return of an initialed and signed copy of that form to the undersigned counsel for Applicants is respectfully requested.